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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AA United States Patent No. 5,611,335
- AB United States Patent No. 4,838,257
- AC United States Patent No. 4,821,709
- AL PCT Application WO 00/56385

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were cited in a Search Report rendered by the European Patent Office during examination of the European application corresponding to the present United States application. A copy of the European Search Report is submitted herewith. Since all of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

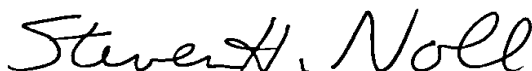
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All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with any of the previously submitted references.

Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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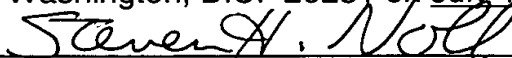
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